REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to place it in form for allowance or appeal. Amendment to the claim reflects the fact that a layer of foam polymeric material is applied to the substrate and allowed to coagulate for a period of time such that an underside layer of the foamed polymer adjacent the substrate coagulates, and an outer layer of the foam polymeric layer spaced from the substrate does not coagulate. The non-coagulated layer is removed, leaving a cohesive, porous, and breathable coagulated layer adjacent the substrate.

Support for this amendment may be gleaned at various portions of the specification such as: page 5, lines 1-6; page 13, lines 12-24; and page 15, lines 15-19.

Turning to the art of record, Aktien G.B. '103 does not suggest leaving a layer of coagulated foamed polymer material on the substrate. Instead, and as stated at column 3, lines 70-75 of the reference, the non-coagulated portions of the latex located between the meshes of the fabric are removed. Accordingly, a multiplicity of distinct, discrete areas of coagulated latex covering the interstitial fabric area remain -- in sharp contrast to the present claims which require removal of the uncoagulated foam layer to leave a cohesive, porous, and breathable coagulated layer on the substrate.

The patents to Dunmire '098, Seibert '156, and PCT Application '924 Halley also do not teach the claimed removal of an outer uncoagulated layer leaving behind a coagulated layer on the substrate as herein required.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is allowable. The prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if, during the course of reconsideration of this application, any questions or comment should arise.

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